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In re Application of
HIRANO, Satoshi, et al.
Application No.: 09/889,090
PCT No.: PCT/EP00/11250
Int. Filing Date: 10 November 2000
Priority Date: 12 November 1999
Attorney Docket No.: PHJ 99.024
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
APPARATUS

DECISION ON
REQUEST
UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on "Response to Notification," filed on 26 June 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 10 November 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/EP00/11250, which claimed a priority date of 12 November 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 25 May 2001.

On 11 July 2001, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee and a declaration signed by the joint inventors, which included an indication that joint inventor Takeo Kamiya is deceased.

On 24 December 2001, the Office mailed Decision On Papers Under 37 CFR 1.42, refusing applicants' request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

On 30 January 2002, applicants submitted a new declaration signed by Akira Kamiya for deceased inventor Kamiya Takeo.

On 20 February 2002, the Office mailed Decision On Papers Under 37 CFR 1.42, refusing status under 37 CFR 1.42, because the declaration did not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

On 15 April 2002, applicants resubmitted a copy of the declaration submitted on 11 July 2001.

On 20 May 2002, the Office mailed Notification indicating the 15 April 2002 submission was not a *bona fide* response.

On 26 June 2002, applicants submitted the instant "Response to Notification," along with a petition for a two month extension of time and the fee for a two month extension of time.

DISCUSSION

The declaration submitted on 26 June 2002 satisfies the deficiencies of the initial declaration. The declarations submitted on 11 July 2001 and 26 June 2002 taken together satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.42 and 37 CFR 1.497.

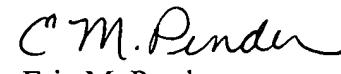
CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 10 November 2000 under 35 U.S.C. §363 and a date of 26 June 2002 under 35 U.S.C. §371. This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing.



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